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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/520,162

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Art Unit: 2839

For: CONNECTOR, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND  
WIRING BOARD STRUCTURE  
EMPLOYING IT

Examiner: K. M. Nguyen

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a connector for a wiring board, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search of the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

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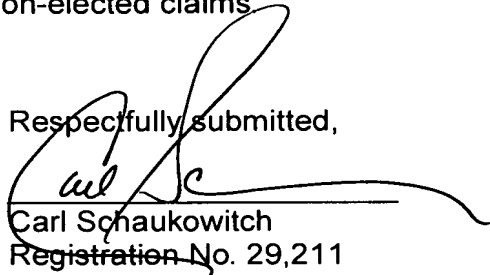
It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests rejoiner of the claims to the application. In the event the claims are not rejoined to the application, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application encompassing the non-elected claims

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Respectfully submitted,

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